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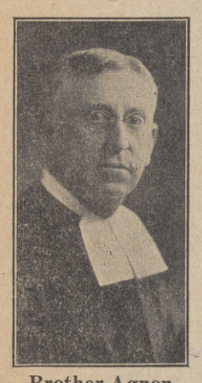
SAINT MARY'S ENTERS NATIONAL ORATORICAL MEET

Brother Agnon to Be Coach; Many Students Already Start Practice

It has been definitely decided upon that Saint Mary's College is to enter the National Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest. Several Saint Mary's students have expressed their intention of intering, although no one has officially registered as yet.

Brother Agnon

Students who enter the contest will be assured of first class training at the hands of Brother Agnon, who has proved his oratorical coaching ability by producing winners repeatedly.



Brother Agnon

Brother Agnon says that he would like to have the names of the prospective contestants as soon as possible, for although the regional finals do not take place until late in May, and the preliminaries are still two months off, he would like to start working soon, so as to be sure that his entrants will have had proper training.

Purpose of Contest

The contest, which is the fifth of its kind to be sponsored by the Better America Federation of California, is being held in an effort to contribute toward better and more intelligent citizenship and to familiarize American citizens with the Constitution of the United States.

Rules of Contest

Any undergraduate who has not received a degree or diploma of graduation from any institution of higher learning is eligible to compete. The spokesman of each college must be selected before April 15. The regional semi-finals are to be held April 27, to be followed by the national semi-finals May 27 to 31. The final winner will be decided upon June 20.

The speeches must be original and should not take more than ten minutes to deliver; they must be on any of the following subjects: Washington and the Constitution, Hamilton and the Constitution, Jefferson and the Constitution, Marshall and the Constitution, Franklin and the Constitution, Madison and the Constitution, Webster and the Constitution, Lincoln and the Constitution.

ANNUAL STAFF IS RUSHING WORK

Large Circulation Expected By Gael Annual Staff

Brother Cornelius has been enlisted for service in the preparation of the annual. His valuable art services will be greatly appreciated by the editor and by the publicity department.

First Subscriptions Received

The subscription square as published in the Collegian has found a ready response among the students. Already the circulation department reports having received several subscriptions. The plan as presented of allowing a student to pay a deposit of one dollar now and the balance at the time he receives his book seems to have struck popular fancy. In this manner the subscriber receives his book without the financial burden of having to pay the full price so early.

Frosh First to Subscribe

It is gratifying to see that the first subscriptions have been made by members of the freshman class. It is to the freshman class that the staff looks for much of its support and with the first year class rallying so soon to the support of the annual, indications are that we will have a record circulation in the college this year.

St. Mary's Men in Drama Production

Last Wednesday night the St. Francis Players presented the "White-headed Boy," a three-act Irish comedy written by Lennox Robinson, to a capacity audience at the St. Francis de Sales auditorium in Oakland.

The presentation, which had a cast of 12 people, including prominent students from several local colleges, was very well taken by the spectators.

Among the St. Francis Players who took part in the comedy could be found the names of Roy Peters, James Cruse, Joe Cunningham and Edgar Hurley, who are all well known on the campus at Saint Mary's College.

SHORT LINE SOON TRANSCONTINENTAL

In the near future Saint Mary's College will have a transcontinental railroad line passing near the campus. This is to be made possible by the recent purchase of the Sacramento Short Line by the Western Pacific Railroad Company. The San Francisco-Sacramento Short Line runs through Contra Costa County and directly in front of Saint Mary's College. The road is to be reconstructed and will carry transcontinental passenger service from Sacramento to San Francisco.

Reconstruction

By reconstructing a few small bridges and trestles, a reballasting of the roadbed, the Western Pacific will be able to route its through traffic direct to the bay cities from Sacramento at a saving of about fifty miles of haul and more than one hour in time, in addition to the expensive haul over Altamont Pass.

Utilization of the Short Line for through traffic will follow immediately upon the expected approval by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the increased utilization of the Moffat Tunnel out of Denver, which will cut the Western Pacific's trackage 174 miles.

Traces of Coal Found On Mt. Diablo Slopes

According to reports from Pittsburg, the Southport Land and Commercial Company has located a rich vein of high grade bituminous coal on the slopes of Mt. Diablo. The compaiy has holdings on the mountain, where efforts have been made before to produce coal.

It is said that a 3600-foot test shaft driven into the mountain located the vein of coal. Officials of the company, although admitting the sinking of the shaft, declined to comment upon the rumor of the discovery of the fuel in sufficient quantities to permit commercial operations.

Mt. Diablo has been the scene of coal mining operations for some years. The present company was driven out of production some thirty years ago by the great increase in oil findings in the southern part of the state. Should operations be resumed, the corporation will probably use an old railroad right-of-way extending from their holdings to the waterfront in Pittsburg.

A free country is one in which those who said the law wouldn't work do their utmost to prevent it from working.—Detroit Free Press.

Soph Flag Flies!

Last Friday the flagpole in front of the Chapel was adorned by a white flag which was made conspicuous by a large '31 that was painted on it.

The flag went unmolested all day Friday, but some time during the ensuing night some industrious individual took it upon himself to remove it. Some freshman probably removed it, but why did he wait until night to do it?

Juniors Sponsor Gael Clog at Claremont

Returns from Dance to Aid Publication of Gael

The consummation of the plans of the junior class for a monster Gael clog dance at the Hotel Claremont await only the permission of the faculty. Inasmuch as this dance promises to be the only school dance between now and Easter, no difficulty is anticipated from this quarter. It is a precedent of several years standing for the juniors to give a dance in order to secure added funds for the publication of the annual. This year, all the proceeds of the Gael Clog will be used for the publication of the 1929 Gael Annual.

President Smiddy of the junior class has appointed Mr. Barton, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Pierovich and Mr. Seghetti as a committee to inquire into the prices of dance halls, orchestras, etc. The class has given them full power to make final arrangements for the dance. If everything works out as planned the Gael Clog will be held at the Hotel Claremont on the night of Friday, February 8, the faculty willing, of course. Hotel Claremont will be remembered as the scene of a spring dance given by the class more than a year ago—the hall has been repaired since then, we are told.

The juniors are concentrating all their efforts to make this year's Gael Clog an entire success (the name "Gael Clog" indicentally, was adopted at the suggestion of Clarence Hamilton); the night promises to be one of mirth and hilarity.

Students Registered From Five Countries

Although Saint Mary's College is a comparatively small school, on its roster can be found names of graduates from high schools in many states in the Union, and five foreign countries.

Statistics released from the office of the Registrar show that the members of the class of 1932 come from 89 high schools, located in 70 towns and cities. Thirty-eight California counties are represented along with twelve other states including New York, West Virginia, Minnesota, Illinois, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Ohio, Montana, Nevada and Arizona. Germany, Japan, Nicaragua, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands are also represented.

Alameda County High

Of the high schools represented, 69 are public schools and 20 are private institutions. Saint Mary's High School placed the largest delegation with 40 students. Berkeley High ranks second with 18; Sacred Heart of San Francisco, third with 12; Mt. Diablo High ranks fourth with 10 freshmen. Oakland High, Oakland Tech, Roosevelt of Richmond, Madera, Alameda, San Francisco Polytechnic, Porterville, Vallejo and St. Augustine's of San Diego are all well represented.

Almost 50 per cent of the frosh registered in the School of Commerce. Arts and Letters claim 28 per cent, pre-legal 10 per cent, pre-dental 7 per cent, and pre-medical is the least popular with but 6 per cent.

SUPERINTENDENT GRANTED LEAVE FOR LONG TOUR

Brother Joseph Forced to Seek Rest After Trying Work of Construction

In a recent interview with Brother Gregory it was learned that Brother Joseph, former Provincial of the Brothers, has been granted a leave of absence for one year, to be spent in traveling through Europe.

This announcement comes as the aftermath of being superintendent of a two-million-dollar building project and financial administrator for the new Saint Mary's College. Due to the terrific mental and physical strain which comes of having to finish the project in the shortest time possible, with very limited funds, Brother Joseph is suffering a nervous breakdown.

Leaves for South

He is first going to San Diego, where he will remain in a sanitarium for a month or so, in order to regain the vitality necessary for such extensive traveling. From San Diego he will leave for Europe, where he will visit at the Brothers' Homes in all of the principal cities in the Old World.

Alumni Co-operation

The trip will be made possible through the co-operation of the alumni with Brother Gregory, in recognition of the valuable service rendered by Brother Joseph in erecting an everlasting memorial in the Moraga Valley.

Brother Joseph will be succeeded by Brother Gregory, former President of Saint Mary's College, in his duties as Provincial of the Brothers.

Garage for Students Under Construction

A garage is now under construction on the hillside behind the library that will accommodate 24 cars, belonging to resident students. It will be completed within two weeks.

The structure is to be of wood, which will be painted white, and a red fireproof roof will make it harmonize with the rest of the buildings on the campus.

It will consist of eight stalls, containin gthree cars each, one door opening into each stall. The stalls will be separated from one another by a wire screen partition.

As the need arises for more space, a leanto will be attached to the sides of the garage which will offer protection for a greater number of cars.

KING RETURNS

Norval King, Junior, has returned to Saint Mary's after spending six months at the University of California. He is welcomed by his former classmates, among whom he is well known. His return will also bring an excellent tenor voice to the Day Dodger Glee Club, which is, according to Professor Fuery, just what the club has needed.

Lake La Salle is Scene of Wager Victim's Plunge

An agreement is a business proposition. If you make an agreement with someone and you do not live up to it, you have made a great mistake. A mistake like Nick Ragus, the Arizona songster, made last Friday.

Ragus made an agreement with Woody Peebles to stay away from cigarettes. The agreement in part reads thusly: If either of the two, Peebles or Ragus, is found smoking a cigarette, he is subject to dipping in Lake La Salle. The agreement was made before "Toots" Kasper, a senior. Everything was all right until Ragus saw an advertisement stating, "I keep my throat in condition by smoking Lucky Strikes.—Gene Austin." So Gene, a great singer himself, put Nick wise, and Friday afternoon Peebles found Nick smoking a "Lucky." So Peebles gathered a few husky sophomores and they carried Nick to the lake, where he was forced to make his dive.

Emerging from the waters, Nick discovered his trousers were missing. What was he to do? Could he run across the campus and have the students think he had just come from the lake? A minute to think and he started running with all the ease and grace of a track athlete. Those students who were fortunate enough to be present were impressed with Ragus' ability as a track athlete.

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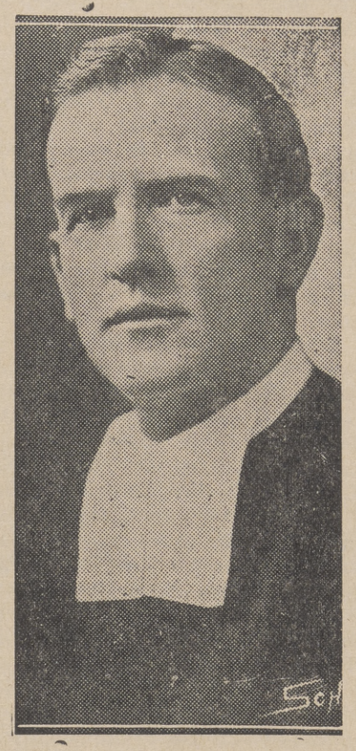

Brother Joseph, Provincial of the Christian Brothers, who will leave on European tour.

SENIORS DISCUSS GRADUATION SITE

The present senior class may establish a precedent for future graduating classes by holding the ceremonies on the college chapel steps. This idea was suggested at the last senior meeting but as yet nothing more has been done about it.

Brother Lewis Discusses Idea

Brother Lewis in discussing the new proposition said: "The members of the senior class are suggesting a fine tradition for Saint Mary's in their plan of holding the graduation exercises in front of the chapel and we thank them for it. However, anything final in this matter must come from the faculty commtitee, which stands ready to aid and assist the seniors in any way possible." The President of the College also stated that a great many things would have to be settled before such a tradition could be established, and that he would be always ready to listen to any suggestions which the senior students might make.

Past Graduations in Grove

The graduation exercises on the past two occasions have been held in the grove about a mile back of the College. This custom was established in 1927 when the new property was first acquired. As there were no buildings completed at the time these ceremonies took place in the shady grove back of the college site, which seemed the logical place for them. This situation has many disadvantages. During the month of May the weather is very warm and the road to the grove becomes dusty and disagreeable to walk upon. Also, the necessity of arranging seating facilities for both graduates and spectators is a factor which must be contended with, as the attendance at the graduation exercises has been increasing each year.

Travel Bureau Started By Student at College

A travel bureau is at present situated in room 325 West Hall and is under the direction of Frank Haven, versatile sophomore.

Haven represents the Pickwick Stages and the Yellow-Way Stages System. These companies have routes which extend from one side of the continent to the other, besides serving practically every city of importance on the Pacific Coast.

In connection with his travel bureau, Haven has maps of every city and hamlet in the state which can be reached by various transportation companies. He will gladly give any information concerning rates and tours that anyone wishes.

STUDENT COUNCIL PLANS REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

Representatives from Classes Meet to Piscuss Plan of Government

The results of the investigation for a new plan of student government by a committee, appointed by President Jack Merrick, will be made known in the near future. Arthur Sterry '29, W. Pistochini '29 and E. Smiddy '30 have been busy during the past week studying various plans of reforming the present system of student body administration.

At the first student body meeting of the term held on Thursday of last week in the Arts and Letters Building, it was decided that because the prevailing plan of carrying on meetings was inadequate to meet the demands of a growing college, a drastic change was necessary. Lack of suitable meeting place has made it difficult to have the necessary business meetings. Heretofore, all gatherings were held out of doors, save when inclement weather prevented, and then they were held in room 201 of the Arts and Letters Building. This room, however, was not large enough to accommodate all those wishing to attend.

Student Welfare Council Proposed

A solution of the problem, as proposed by Arthur Sherry, calls for a student welfare council to carry on the business of student government. This practice as followed by many schools throughout the country, has proven very successful. The one big advantage of such a plan is that only one or two meetings of the entire student body during the semester are necessary. At these general gatherings the election of officers to serve on the board takes place.

All Classes Would Be Represented

Every class in the College is sure of representation in the council, for the plan calls for three members from each of the four classes to serve on the board. The promotion and administration of all important school activities is entrusted to the board. Not only does this system save time, but it also simplifies the work of student government.

Constitution Needs Changing

Before any steps can be taken toward establishing such a system, the constitution will have to be revised. For this reason the investigating committee has been considering several new provisions which will be necessary to incorporate in the new constitution before a student welfare council can become a reality.

Construction of Gym Delayed; No Funds

It has been definitely decided by the faculty that the first new building to be built on the campus will be a gymnasium. In spite of the many rumors that the auditorium or library might be erected first, the growing need for an athletic building has become greatly apparent during the last two semesters, and the governing body of the school in a recent session firmly determined to begin the erection of the gymnasium as soon as possible.

Lefevre

Drive for Funds

The recent drive for funds in the form of script soliciting, met with a much greater success than was looked for, and according to several members of the Board of Athletic Control, a further script drive will be held during the next summer or possibly early in the fall in order that the work on the new gym may begin early and the building be completed before the next basketball season begins.

Mr. LeFevre stated, when inter-

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HOMECOMING DAY COMMITTEE MEETS

The first meeting of the Alumni Homecoming Day committee was held at the San Francisco Elks Club at noon on Thursday, January 24. Edward McGlade '16, chairman of the committee, presided and outlined the general plan of building up even a greater interest in this year's event than in the very successful Homecoming Day of last year. He told of the very satisfactory arrangements which had been made with Brother Lewis by way of providing for the entertainment of the returning alumni.

In order to secure a larger attendance for Homecoming Day as well as to build up a better class organization for future alumni events, McGlade is to appoint a member from each class that has graduated to serve with the general committee. The work of the representatives from the classes will be to interview each member of the class and personally urge him to be present at the Homecoming Day event.

Tentative Program Submitted

At the luncheon McGlade outlined the tentative program for the day as follows: 9:00—Arrive at Saint Mary's College. 9:05—Annual Communion and Mass in the College Chapel. 10:00—Guests of Brother Lewis at breakfast in College dining room. 11:00—Tour of inspection of the new buildings. 1:00 to 2:00—free time. 2:00—Punting contest for James M. Smith punting trophy. 5:00—Educational conference. 6:00—Benediction in College Chapel. 6:30—Homecoming Day dinner in the College dining room.

Alumni Choir to Sing

In making plans for the annual Communion and Mass, Chairman McGlade emphasized the necessity of having a large number of alumni singers enlist as members of the alumni choir. At last year's gathering the choir, recruited by John J. Burke '09, sang at the Communian Mass and at Benediction. George Poultney '05, former opera singer, has been appointed chairman of the choir committee for this year.

President William J. Fitzgerald '05, in discussing the Homecoming Day program at the meeting, emphasized the necessity of fostering an interest for all the groups that compose the alumni body. He said that the committee in planning the day's events and in selecting the necessary aides should not make the mistake of catering to any one group within the organization, whether that group be made up of the older or younger graduates.

Other members of the general committee of arrangements for Homecoming Day are: George McKeever '17, Dr. Fred West '14, Judge Edward Silver '02.

Eugene Sullivan '24

Attorney Eugene Sullivan '24, one of the neophytes of the legal profession, accompanied his classmate, Strei, on a visit to the campus. Sullivan has but recently passed the state bar examination. He is now a resident of Berkeley.

Committees to Handle Homecoming Named

In addition to the general committee of arrangements, many other committees have been chosen for the Homecoming Day celebration. In all cases the selection was made so as to give a wide geographical and class distribution of the committee membership.

At the head of the very important Annual Communion Committee is Frank E. Michel '10 of Sacramento, Past State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus of California. Assisting him as vice-chairman is S. Elmer Rowden '18 of Oakland, who has been active in the doings of the Holy Name Society in that city. Other members of the committee are Leo A. Cunningham '18 of San Francisco, Grand Knight of California Council of the Knights of Columbus, George Bertain '23, Secretary of the Eureka Unit of the Alumni, and Edward Hayden '07, an active member of the Northbay Unit.

W. L. "Kelly" Wales '24 of Oakland again heads the baseball committee. This is his fourth year as head of the committee, so he hardly needs an introduction. Other members of the baseball committee are Colonel John L. Flynn '01, President of the San Francisco Alumni Unit, Thomas Feeney '08, San Francisco stock and bond dealer, E. Clemens "Red" Rooney '23, just another one of the Rooneys, and Robert "Sparky" Farrell '27, now an instructor in the Everett Junior High School in San Francisco.

George Poultney '05, former opera singer, is at the head of the choir committee. Professor Vincente Arrillaga '94 of the Arrillaga School of Music of San Francisco, is also a member of the committee. Other members of the committee are Carlos Sebastian '03, former opera singer and a member of the faculty of the Arrillaga School of Music, Thomas J. Horan '13, prominent Vallejo attorney and Past-President of the Vallejo Alumni Unit, and Clarence Carroll '27, former varsity yell leader.

J. Robert Doud '22

J. Robert Doud '22 of Oxnard, one of the officers of the Los nAgeles unit of the Alumni, visited the College recently accompanied by Mrs. Doud. Bob is engaged in ranching in his home town. He is one of the most rabid supporters of the Red and Blue in Southern California.

Vincent Strei '24

Vincent Strei '24, manager of the Wm. Strei Co. of Oakland, visited the College last week. Vinc has but recently retired from active duty as a member of the California National Guard. Upon his retirement he held the rank of captain. Rumor has it that Vinc is soon to take a life partner. Details later!

George Cunningham '22

Saint Mary's is certain of having at least one new student from Los Angeles in 1937. The explanation is that on Sunday, January 13, in the city of Los Angeles, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham. George is engaged in the real estate business in Los Angeles.

STUDENTS TAKE YOSEMITE TOUR

Leaving Oakland last Friday evening a few of the boys set out for Yosemite. The group was made up of Thomas, Jay, McMahon, Figeac, Carrere, Pitchford, Tazer, the McNally brothers, Ralph Monzon and Bill Keller of the alumni, and Professor Feeney.

They arrived at their destination Saturday morning and found approximately two feet of snow awaiting them. Of course this furnished an immediate pleasure, but ask any of them what the best entertainment of the trip was and he will grin and tell you that everyone got a kick out of ice skating. Btu get him to speak specifically and you'll hear a humorous tale of Jay's attempt to keep his equilibrium while on skates. It seems he always "faw down ond go boom."

Besides an extremely enjoyable week-end, there was also a certain amount of educational value in the trip.

The party returned about 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

Spanish Club Holds Regular Meeting

Los Quijotanos, the club interested in things Spanish, held a very entertaining meeting in the clubroom in the West Hall on Tuesday.

This was the first meeting of the club since the recent initiation, so the conclave was a spirited one. After the business had been transacted, Brother Edward gave an interesting account of a Spanish play that he had seen in San Francisco last Saturday evening. Besides the story of the play, Brother Edward gave some sidelights on the Punch and Judy shows held in most of the European cities that were well worth knowing.

Father Santos was the geust of honor at the meeting and gave a short speech on the Spanish language as it is sopken in Mexico. The members appreciated Father Santos' presence very much.

The singing of Spanish songs and some old American favorites with the words translated into Spanish enlivened the meeting, while the service of tamales as refreshments brought the afternoon's festivities to a fitting close.

Former Frosh Star Returns

Among the many students returning to Saint Mary's after extended absences is Bill Millicevich. Millicevich, who came to Saint Mary's from Richmond with Adam Weisgerber, played phonomenal football on the 1927 Frosh team. After six months Bill withdrew from college, to which he now returns after a full year's absence.

During the last year Millicevich worked in his home town. According to him, he is glad to get back, and those who know him are glad to see him here once more. His presence next fall will strengthen the wing positions of the football squad.

If there's anything in this evolution theory, why hasn't a trapdoor developed in the region of the appendix? If Pullman rates are made to cover the cost of towels, it is obvious that those who don't steal get robbed.

Band Signup Conducted By Music Department

A campaign has been launched in an effort to get more Saint Mary's men interested in music. Professor Fuery, the director of music, is sponsoring this movement with the end in view of making the Saint Mary's musical Association the greatest organization on the campus.

The opportunity for taking up music has never before been as great at Saint Mary's. We have a spacious music room, a good assortment of instruments and a capable and willing professor. Any instrument one could desire to master is at his disposal, as are the services of Professor Fuery.

It is the desire of the professor to get as many freshmen as possible interested in this movement, for this is the only way a lasting organization can be formed. A freshman who joins the musical association now will, in four years, be an accomplished musician and have taken part in many of the worthwhile activities of the College.

Professor Fuery guarantees that taking up a musical instrument will not be boresome work, for within a year the student should be able to have a reading knowledge of music and have arrived at a stage where he can enjoy playing his instrument. No previous knowledge of music is necessary; all the professor wants of his students is good will and stick-to-itiveness."

Besides the cultivation of an appreciation of music, other incentives for the prospective music student are: Playing for football games with the band, which, although not much at present, will some day become an honor. Remember, the California band follows the team on trips, and Saint Mary's will not be outdone by California. Then, too, there are musical numbers to be rendered by the orchestra at rallies, oratorical contests, dramatic productions and possibly for dances. This is work for the orchestra, which is the more select group.

GYMNASIUM

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viewed about the situation, "The script campaign that we had last November was much more successful than had been expected, and as a consequence, we are going to promote another such drive in the coming summer or early fall. I feel sure that this time a sufficient amount of funds will be secured to insure the erection of the new gymnasium for the next basketball season. To date there has been subscribed some $22,000, and with such a start as this gives, the ensuing continuation of the drive should net enough funds to further the building of the new athletic home. This year's varsity basketball team is one of the best we have had in years, and the freshman aggregation shows more promise than any other we have ever had, but having to travel some thirty miles a day to practice is a terrible drawback to any team. When the new gym is built, we will be able to show the sporting world just what Saint Mary's basketball teams can do when they have the same facilities as their opponents."

It has not been determined yet as to whether or not the swimming tank will be built at the same time as the rest of the building, but the rest of the plans have been completed and approved.

The gymnasium proper will be built at a slightly higher level than the present dressing rooms and it will be amply large for one large inter-conference game court, two practice courst, or three interclass game courts. The floor will be the best type of spring-floor that can be built, and on the right-hand side of the large court will be bleachers capable of seating fifteen hundred people.

Under the bleachers will be situated various dressing and rest rooms, not only for the teams and managers, but also for gentlemen and ladies in event of social dances that will take place in the future. At one end will be ample room for the erection of a temporary stage, in case theatrical performances are to be presented,

Air Mail Planes Use College as Landmark

Transcontinental Mail Route Passes Over New Campus

Every morning at a little after 7 o'clock a large airplane comes roaring out of the south, winging its way over the campus of Saint Mary's College, on its journey to Reno and points east, with the air mail.

Owing to the fact that the school stands out from the surrounding country, it is utilized by pilots of the Boeing Mail Company as a landmark on their cross-country runs.

The type of plane that one eses flying above the campus is that of a Boeing make, powered with a 525-horsepower Pratt and Whitney Hornet motor. It has a top speed of 130 miles per hour and an average cruising speed of 105 miles.

This plane is capable of carrying a pay load of 2300 pounds, including two passengers and 1800 pounds of mail. The average weight of mail carried daily on this run is about 800 pounds.

The mail plane, which leaves the Oakland airport daily at 7 a. m. arrives in Reno at 8:45 a. m. From Reno the mail goes east to Salt Lake City, stopping en route at Elko. Salt Lake City is a mail division where the mail is separated and loaded aboard different planes bound for different sections of the country.

It is interesting to note that Claire Vance, one of the pilots who passes overhead nearly every other morning, was supposed to accompany Commander Byrd on his present expedition to the south pole. Pilot Vance has already spent over 6000 hours in the air, flying mail.

The Boeing Airplane Company, the Boeing Mail Corporation and the Chance Vought-Pratt Whitney interests have merged to form one of the largest aircraft corporations in the United States.

When the plans of this giant concern materialize one will see huge tri-motored Boeings capable of carrying twelve passengers each, winging their way across the fertile Moraga Valley. Reno will be a central unit from which 18 passenger planes will emanate.

Around the middle of April the mail will be carried by super-powered ships with a maximum speed of 140 miles per hour and a cruising speed of 125 miles. This type, which has a service ceiling of 22,000 feet, will be able to combat against the most stormy elements.

According to the reports of the weather bureau, says Mr. Martin, of the Boeing Mail Company, when it is foggy in the East Bay region it is quite clear in Concord. When it is too foggy in the neighboring regions, planes lay over at Concord, which serves as an emergency field.

ST. MARY'S HIGH GIVES TWO PLAYS

This year more than ever Saint Mary's Preps are taking a wide interest in dramatics. During the week of February 4 the Berkeley boys plan to present two plays—one in Oakland, the other in San Francisco. The spirit of Comus seems to have captivated the Dramatics Club and the Phi Chi players.

The high school is offering Augustin McHugh's three-act farce, Officer 666." A few years ago this omcedy was the Broadway rage. John Tobin, brother of the Gaels' grid captain, carries the title role in professional style. Dinneen, Boero, Egan, Cooney, Freitas, Sharp, Laney, Button, Gerhard and Wood are some of the highlights of the splendid supporting cast. Many of the college men recall the colorful skill of Frank Cooney in "Van Der Hum" and earlier in "Fabiola." "Officer 666 will be staged at Knights of Columbus auditorium, San Francisco, on Thursday evening, February 7. This performance will follow a shcedule of matinees organized for the schools of San Francisco. All thanks for the predicted success of the afternoon shows are due the Brothers and Sisters in the various schools.

Phi Chi Players Present "The Miser"

On Friday, February 8, the Phi Chi Club will give two showings of Moliere's classic comedy, "The Miser." The students of the parochial schools in the Eastbay cities will attend the matinee. The evening performance is for the public.

The mere fact that "The Miser" is being presented is sufficient inducement for anyone to secure a seat. But with Norbert Graves in the title role, you have the opportunity of enjoying a rare comic and artistic treat. His fine impersonation of the miser holds together a very creditable cast. What with Brother Bartholomew's Symphonists and a dozen expert actors, the affair will be one never to be forgotten. Louie, Duggan, Hildebrand, Luther, Barbout, Duffy, de Souza, Shopes, O'Leary, Robertson and especially Jack Tolan, make up the cast.

RAMON NOVARRO AT GRAND LAKE

"The Flying Fleet," Ramon Novarro's spectacular romance of naval aviation, is the picture which comes to the Grand Lake Theatre on Saturday, February 2, to replace the current attraction, Coleen Moore's "Synthetic Sin."

Filmed wtih the cooperation of the United States Naval air force, the picture is a vivid dream of life with the flyers at sea. It also shows life at Annapolis. Anita Page is the heroine, and the cast includes Ralph Graves and other noted players.

On the stage, Milt Franklyn and his Synco-Symphonists will offer a colorful stage presentation. A Vitaphone act, a talking comedy, and the Fox Movietone News will complete an excellent bill.

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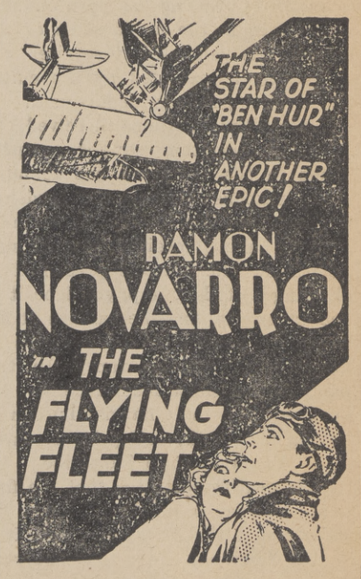

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PHOENIX SQUAD GIVES PROMISE OF CHAMPIONSHIP

Pitching Staff Only Weak Department; Infield Positions Doubtful

After a little over a week of prac- Bettencourt and his assistant Red tice under the watchful eyes of Coach Kress, the Saint Mary's baseball varsity has been fast rounding into shape. Most of the time has been spent in conditioning the men by giving them plenty of hitting practice and having them chase fly balls. Also the men have worked at sliding and other fundamentals of the game.

From this early practice, Captain Joe Rooney, a regular from last year, has the call over Fisher, of last year's frosh, for the job at first base. Rooney was hitting well over 300 last season when he was forced out of the game with a broken ankle.

Second Base

For second base, Neely and Mulroney, of last year's freshman team, are fighting it out. Both can get by with their fielding, but neither is strong enough at bat. Saint Mary's has always had a strong, hard hitting club, and it may be that Port Silva will be shifted over from shortstop to fill in at second. He is a good hitter and has had plenty of experience.

At third base, Len Thomas and Jack Smith are fighting it out. In the event that Thomas holds down the position, Smith may be used in the outfield, the position that he filled last year. Both are good fielders and experienced ball players.

Shortstop

For shortstop at the present time Herb Penetente and Port Silva are working for the position. Silva was a regular from last season, but Penetente is giving him plenty of competition.

In the outfield, Ackerman, Seghetti and Stennett have been working with the first team. Stennett, of last year's frosh, is a strong hitter and is expected to make up for the loss of several of our stars. The other men have seen plenty of action and are capable

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SOCCER FOOTBALL TEAMS ORGANIZING

Interest in Soccer Developed on New Campus; Faculty Members Coach

Since the lack of a gymnasium has made interclass basketball impossible this year and has left many students without any means of keeping fit, some of the members of the faculty are seeking to interest the men in the game of soccer. It is one of the fastest games to play, one that demands fast headwork as well as speed. As a form of exercise it is as good as any, as it demands much running and fast footwork.

The task of instructing the students in the game has been undertaken by two members of the faculty, Professors Worner and Silvermaster. They have induced the College to purchase three soccer balls and undertaken the work of interesting the students in the game. They have suggested the forming of class teams to play each other and have agreed to give their time to develop the teams.

Several years ago, Saint Mary's was represented in soccer by a group of college men who made a good showing when one considers that they lacked a place to practice. However, we are no longer pressed for space, so let's get together and have some enjoyment out of the game.

According to news that is being spread lately, the seniors are planning to form a soccer team. From the early appearances, it looks like they are first going to try the game and see just how good a team they can form before they send a challenge to the other classes. Members of the senior class have been found working nuder the direction of Professor Silvermaster, but neither will admit what the purpose is or what success is expected.

The seniors hold a victory over the juniors in football but may give them a chance to even the score. However, the early practice shows that the seniors again want to get the jump on the other classes.

Words are sometimes used to express ideas, and sometimes the want of them.

Joe Rooney Elected Baseball Captain

Rooney scores again! At a meeting of the Phoenix held last Tuesday, Joe Rooney, who is playing his fourth and last year at first base, was chosen to lead the team to its fourth championship in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Baseball Association.

Joe has an excellent fielding record and each year has ranked among the leading hitters. We are perfectly confident that Joe will not allow his team to lose the championship this year, since it has won all three years of the association's existence, and Joe has meant much to the team in its achievements.

GRAY FOG TEAM NOSES OUT SAINTS

Captain Tazer Runs Wild in Second Half to Take Honors

Storming the St. Ignatius hoop with shots from all angles of the court, Captain Ed Tazer led the Saints in a desperate last-half rally against the Gray Fog. Saint Mary's during this period literally stole the show from St. Ignatius but even the great battle which the Gaels put up was of no avail, for the Ignatian lead was too great to overcome. Score: St. Ignatius 32, Saint Mary's 26.

Free Throws

The Gaels were beaten on fouls. St. Ignatius piled up eleven free throws, a comfortable margin to win several collegiate games. Gift shots opened the contest. Hale and Cameron scored from the foul line and in the same way Smith, Ignatian forward, ended the bitter struggle. The first quarter was not at all interesting, due to a number of rather technical decisions by the officials, but protests from gallery fans seemed effective in eliminating much of the difficulty. The half ended with the Saints on the short end of a 17-9 score.

Tazer Stars

Captain Tazer seemed the only Gael able to crack the Ignatian offense and to break through its defense. Time and again he intercepted Fog passes and reversed the court to tally before the St. Ignatius varsity could catch up. In this game Tazer was the fastest man on the court, the most accurate shot, the trickiest feinter, and the best dribbler. To add to this he netted 14 points to be high man of the game. The following is what James McGee had to say about Tazer:

"The only thrills of the contest were provided by Eddie Tazer, Gael captain and guard, who garnered him-

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BASEBALL TEAM PREPARES FOR TOUGH SEASON

Inclement Weather Retards Diamond Work; Season Opens Tomorrow

Saint Mary's meets its first competition of the baseball season when the Phoenix goes into action tomorrow against the Jefferson All Stars. The game is scheduled for the new Saint Mary's diamond.

Following is the complete schedule:

Feb. 2—Jefferson All Stars
Feb. 3—Ambrose Tailors
Feb. 5—Keneally Seals
Feb. 7—McMullin and McNamara
Feb. 8—Valva Hardware Co.
Feb. 10—Lee's Haberdashery
Feb. 12—Keneally Seals
Feb. 14—Lee's Haberdashery
Feb. 16—St. Ignatius (at San Francisco)
Feb. 17—Athens Club
Feb. 19—Ambrose Tailors
Feb. 22—Stanford (at Stanford)
Feb. 23—Jefferson All Stars
Feb. 24—Alumni
Feb. 27—Stanford (at Stanford)
March 2—California (at California)
March 3—Olympic Club
March 9—Stanford (at Stanford)
March 10—Olympic Club
March 13—St. Ignatius
March 16—Athens Club
March 17—Santa Clara
March 19—McMulli nand McNamara
March 21—Valva Hardware Co.
March 23—California (at California)
March 24—M. J. B. Coffee Kids
March 26—Santa Clara
March 30—California (at California)
April 3—St. Ignatius
April 6—U. S. C.
April 13—Santa Clara
April 16—U. C. L. A.
April 19—U. S. C. (at Los Angeles)
April 20—U. S. C. (at Los Angeles)
April 22—U. C. L. A. (at Los Angeles)
April 23—U. C. L. A. (at Los Angeles)

Saints Won Last Year

The Phoenix took the conference laurels last season only after a great comeback. After the Saints dropped the Stanford series 2 to 1, the Bears took the Cards into camp and assumed the lead. The trip to Los Angeles, however, spelled victory for the Saints. In the South the Phoenix cleaned up with four conference victories over U. S. C. and U. C. L. A.

U. C. L. A. Lost Hard Game

From the southerners' point of view U. C. L. A. got a tough break in their third game with the Phoenix. This was the hardest and most evenly fought game of the season, the Saints emerging on the long end of a 9 to 8 score only after fourteen gruelling innings.

Saints Repeat

This win gave the Gaels another conference title, with nine wins and three losses, losing one to California and two to the Cardinals. California pressed the Gaels with eight wins and four losses.

VARSITY IN POOR FORM UNABLE TO STEM INSTITUTE ATTACK

Captain Tazer Plays Fine Floor Game But Unlucky in Finding Hoop; Y. M. I. Team Also Conquerors of Santa Clara Quintet

Conquerors of Santa Clara have also turned Saint Mary's quintet into losers. San Francisco's Y. M. I. squad, at Kezar, crushed the Saints at will, to make the final score read 40 to 22. Captain Eddie Tazer was stopped completely and failed to score a single field goal. He hooped four fouls the entire evening. "Tricky Dick" Boyle went on a rampage in the beginning of the second half, making him high point man for the evening.

Throughout the entire game the Instituters merely passed the ball into position, and then scored. Long shots, shorts shots, and a few fouls ran up the score quickly against the Gaels. At half time the score was sad for the Saints, reading 19 to 9.

Y. M. I. Defense Strong

Coach Frank Needles used a new starting combination, composed of Laughlin and Conway as forwards, Miller at center, and O'Neill and Curran as guards. This combination proved to be playing a stiff defensive game. Eddie Tazer showed his same form in floor work, but when it came to putting the leather in the hoop it was another thing. Boyle seemed to get into the Instituters' defense, and when he did a score resulted.

Gaelic Guards Star

Cal Pitchford and "Husky" Hunt again proved to be doing what was expected of them by Coach "Dutch" Conlan. Hunt broke into the scoring column with the second highest scorer for the Saints. "Bob" Patterson took the ball several times and made the tally show three more points.

Centers Fail to Score

"Scoop" Sears and "Red" Mulholland could not break into the "score-getters," though they made several good attempts at the bucket. The boys seem to be tired from many games, but their combinations do not seem to hit right. Miller of the Institute played opposite Sears and Mulholland at center and took the jump-off with ease numerous times.

Dick Boyle Fast

Coming back in the half time, Dick Boyle sunk two baskets in succession to bring the score up to 19 to 13, but Ham and O'Neill also came back in and each scored a bucket, keeping ahead the entire game. Several times Boyle would work into the Instituters' defense and make hard tries in ringing the hoop.

All of the Instituters' squad played in this game, giving Coach Needles an opportunity to watch his boys. Coach Conlan seemed extremely conservative in putting boys into the tussle.

Y. M. I.

	FG.	FT.	Pts.
Laughlin, forward	3	1	7
Conway, forward	4	0	8
Miller, center	1	0	2
O'Neill, guard	3	1	7
Curran, guard	0	0	0
Nicholas, center	3	1	7
Patridge, forward	1	0	2
Ham, forward	3	0	6
Begley, guard	0	1	1
Baker, forward	0	0	0
Breen, guard	0	0	0
Corey, center	0	0	0
Totals	18	4	40

Saint Mary's

	FG.	FT.	Pts.
Tazer, forward	0	4	4
Ebding, forward	0	1	1
Sears, center	0	0	0
Hunt, guard	2	1	5
Pitchford, guard	0	0	0
Boyle, forward	4	1	9
Patterson, guard	1	1	3
Mulholland, center	0	0	0
Totals	7	8	22

Kress Predicts Championship

"Saint Mary's surely gets the material," was the way "Red" Kress, star shortstop for the St. Louis Browns, phrased it. Kress, an able and competent judge of ball players, was genuinely enthusiastic in his praise of the team.

When asked what he thought of the team's chance to cop the pennant again, Kress said he didn't see how they could miss. We also have felt the same way about it, but it is nevertheless comforting to know that such an authority agrees with us.

According to "Red," the only trouble to be met with will be in the pitching staff. For the first time in many years the Phoenix will take the field without the services of a south-paw flinger.

MADIGAN DENIES RUMORS OF NEW CONTRACT OFFERS

Contrary to recent newspaper talk, Coach Ed "Slip" Madigan will not turn down his contract at Saint Mary's and take up duties as head coach at Washington. This is merely a rumor which appeared in the early editions of the week in most of the Bay region publications and is not confirmed on any actual transaction.

Contract Expires in '32

Coach Madigan's contract at Saint Mary's calls for another five years, terminating in 1932. Incidentally, the northern question is still hanging in the balance—the student body claims Coach Enoch Bagshaw is out and the faculty claims he is in.

Steady Rise

Madigan has been to Saint Mary's what Knute Rockne, his master, has been to Notre Dame. The Red and Blue varsities under the direction of Madigan have garnered the title of the Notre Dame of the West, defeating the major universities to add more

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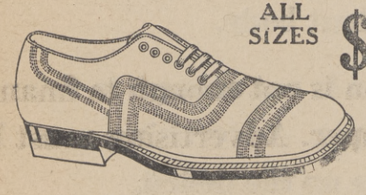
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Title of Baseball League Is Given

In correction of many conversations and in answer to many questions, the official title of the baseball association that was organized three years ago by Carl Zamloch is Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Baseball Association. That is rather a long name, but it deserves its correct title as well as anything else.

The association which is just starting its fourth year of existence is made up of California, Stanford, U. S. C., U. C. L. A., Saint Mary's and Santa Clara. This year Saint Mary's points to the association for a championship with as much or more confidence than it has in the last three title years. Last year it won the title with nine wins, and three losses, with California taking second place. Little is known of baesball prospects at the other camps, but Santa Clara and Stanford are expected to produce good teams, not overlooking California's strong team as usual.

Varsity Basketball Guard Breaks Finger

In the recent game with St. Ignatius, Saint Mary's lost the services of Heinie Driscoll, that demon running guard of the varsity. In a mix-up Driscoll suffered a dislocation of the index finger of the right hand. Heinie will be out of the game for about two weeks and this absence will weaken the defensive power of the team. This setback is quite a blow to Driscoll, who has played varsity basketball for three years. Although not of gigantic stature, Heinie is considered to be one of the best running guards to have played with Saint Mary's in many years. His hard, clean fighting and great spirit of sportsmanship has made him many friends among our opponents.

A guard must be a director on the basketball field, as quarterback on our varsity football team for two years, so Heinie acts on the basketball team. Heinie is to graduate this May and his loss to athletics will be felt keenly by Saint Mary's. As a student Driscoll has attained many honors; secretary of the student body, officer of the Big M society and president of the senior class.

Saint Mary's wishes Driscoll a speedy recovery of that injured finger.

ROGER "SCOOP" SEARS

With the changing of "Scoop" Sears from forward to center the varsity has shown steady improvement. Sears, a two-sports man, is playing baseball and basketball, for the second year on the varsity teams.

Sears has turned in good games this season since his recent illness. As noticed especially in the California game his work in following shots in the hole has been outstanding.

Certainly it is better to be inconsistent than to be consistantly wrong.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Feb. 4—Athens Club	
Feb. 8—Nevada	Nevada
Feb. 9—Nevada	Nevada
Feb. 12—St. Ignatius	Kezar
Feb. 15—Olympic Club	Kezar
Feb. 21—Santa Clara	Kezar
Feb. 26—Santa Clara	Kezar

Conference Champs Lose to St. Ignatius

Gray Fog Plays Fast Game Before Capacity Crowd

The score is 34-22 in favor of St. Ignatius, and it is not deceptive, either, as the Foggers were shooting with consistency, playing a tight defense, Cameron was outjumping Corbin to get the tip-off every time, and Maloney and Bareilles were playing an excellent floor game, so it is easy to realize the score.

St. Ignatius was leading at all times and at half time led 17-6. California threatened only once when in the second half after a score was made Bareilles collided with one of his team mates, and before regaining his senses, California ran the score up, making it 22-20. Then the Fog's defense tightened and the Bears were forced to take long shots for the first time this year, which netted them but two points the remainder of the game. Hale, who was sinking buckets at will, was the high point man with 14 for St. Ignatius, and Stevens with eight was high point man for the Bears.

According to the score throughout the game it is only natural that feelings were so displayed, but California's spirit was far below par and St. Ignatius displayed the usual anxiety that they do when their team plays, for their rooting section was in tumult throughout the game, which formed a great contrast to the silent section across the way.

SEASON BASKETBALL RECORD

Saint Mary's	30	Auburn Cubs.....35
Saint Mary's	28	Vallejo Alumni ..17
Saint Mary's	28	Rossi's Florists..44
Saint Mary's	32	San Jose Golds..39
Saint Mary's	33	Stanford 35
Saint Mary's	31	S. F. Boys Club..19
Saint Mary's	17	College Pacific....26
Saint Mary's	24	College Pacific....22
Saint Mary's	24	California 29
Saint Mary's	26	St. Ignatius 32
Saint Mary's	22	Y. M. I.....40

One of the most serious problems confronting Coach Madigan will be in finding a spot for Stennett. Mack is pounding the agate to a pulp, but as Smith, Ackerman, Seghetti and the rest are more than satisfactory themselves it will take all the coach's ingenuity to solve the problem. Because of his work at the plate Stennett will not be used as a pitcher, the coach trying to use him in every game.

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BASEBALL

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players. Jack O'Keefe, last season a pitcher, is working in the outfield and may earn a position on the team due to his hitting. Nick Ragus, of last season's frosh, is also trying for a position.

Catchers Strong

Toots Kasper and Butch Simas have been working behind the bat. Both are veterans of last season and should be able to fill the position well. Simas last season was one of the hardest hitters on the team. He was used both as a catcher and as a third base man. Bates and Obermiller are also trying for the position.

Veteran Pitchers

The pitching staff, which seems to be much in question as to the success of the team, will include three veterans. Tom Conlon, Hamilton and Dana weree all used last season and showed up well. Conlon got off to a poor start, but finished the season in great style, getting credit for two wins in as many days against U. C. L. A. Hamilton, the speed ball pitcher, should show improvement and will be counted on for a good number of wins. Dana, at one time an infielder, who was switched to pitching last year, should be able to show his best this year. Last season he pitched several good games and should continue. Matson and Alameda also show promise of developing into good pitchers.

Alumni homecoming, February 24.

GRAY FOG VS. GAELS

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self a sudden bunch of baskets in the second half, and brought his team up to within dangerous distance. Tazer's shooting maintained a suspense and possibilities of a Saint Mary's victory until the last few minutes, but the real threat never showed."

It might be well to note that Mr. McGee is none other than a sporting correspondent of the San Francisco Call and editor of the St. Ignatius News.

Final Score

The last five minutes of play were fast and furious. In this time Coach Dutch Conlan substituted frequently and most of the reserves saw action. Patterson, Mulholland, Boyle and Hunt all played. Boyle netted five points during his stay in the fray. Hunt and Patterson, who replaced Driscoll and Pitchford, as usual held the Ignatius forwards at bay and promised to give the regulars plenty to worry about. Heine Driscoll, star guard, who had been shifted to forward, sustained a broken finger in the game.

Heinie's work will be sadly missed, but he should don a uniform again in a couple of weeks, and be in shape before the Santa Clara series. Saint Mary's fell short seven points of a victory, but the Saints are confident that the next time the two teams meet they will come out on top. The great spirit which the varsity showed deserves much comment and praise.

Get them next time, Gaels.

Lineup

St. Ignatius	Fg.	Ft.	T.	Saint Mary's	Fg.	Ft.	Ttl.
Maloney,f	0	6	6	Ebding,f	0	0	0
Klecknr,f	2	1	5	Driscoll,f	0	0	0
Hale,c	4	2	10	Sears,c	1	1	3
Camron,g	0	1	1	Tazer,g	5	4	14
Bareiles,g	4	1	9	Pitchfrd,g	0	1	1
Olsen,g	0	0	0	Boyle,f	0	1	1
Smith,f	0	1	1	Hunt,g	0	0	0
				Pattersn,g	0	1	1
				Mulhlnd,c	1	0	2
	10	12	32		9	8	26

It sometimes happens that when a man knows his duty he tries to stave it off by seeking advice.

MADIGAN

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"feathers" to Slip's hat of glories. These include a defeat over U. S. C. in '25, an undefeated season in '26 in which California was the principal victim, a defeat for Stanford in '27 by an overwhelming score of 16-0, defeat of Santa Clara in the last six years in succession, and winner of the Far Western Conference since its inauguration in 1924.

Strategist

Coach Madigan is well known to Coast fans and is lauded as one of the best strategists in the game. His success at Saint Mary's has brought the school to the top in athletics. However, his success has been largely due to the co-operation which he has received from the Christian Brothers and the players.

Stationary

Like some members of the faculty, Slip is a fixture at Saint Mary's. Madigan has done great things for Saint Mary's and after getting on top he will not leave the College which in turn has brought him fame.

When a fool is unable to prove the assertion of a wise man, he is at least able to call him an idiot.

BASEBALL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY HERE

Saint Mary's varsity baseball team will open its season Saturday with a practice game against the Ambrose Tailors. On Sunday the Jefferson All Stars will be the opponents of the squad.

The team has been rounding into shape with stiff workouts and with the pep of players it is hard to say just which player will star this season.

Saints' probable lineup for Saturday's game:

Rooney or Fisher, first base.
Neely or Valin, second base.
Penetenti or Silva, shortstop.
Thomas, Smith or Kalich, third.
Ackerman or Stennett, left field.
O'Keefe, Seghetti, right field.
Kasper or Simas, catch.
Dana, Conlan, Hamilton or Alameda, pitchers.

Ike Frankian, varsity basketball star, declared ineligible because of his participation in the East-West football game, has been signed by the Oakland Y. M. I. He has been working out with the team and should give them much strength.

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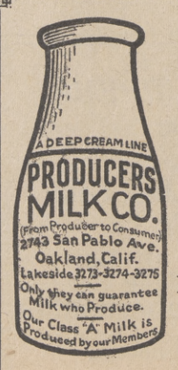
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WITH THE AUTHORS

By William Johnston

S. B. P. Mais thinks critics are in danger of becoming too scrupulously respectful in their attitude to writers who have gained literary prizes, especially the Nobel Prize, which seems to make its winners immune from criticism forever.

I think it was Emerson who said that no man can write me down but myself. He assuredly must have had Pepys in mind. Indeed, so candid was Pepys in this process of writing himself down, that in actuality he succeeded in writing himself up to an acme of honesty. With the corresponding result that he stands head and shoulders above any diarist in a blaze of veracity—the real man frankly revealed.

Mr. Ponsonby, the latest biographer of Pepys (Samuel Pepys. Arthur Ponsonby, M. P. English Men of Letters Series, New York: Macmillan, $1.25) has with lucidness pointed out the reasons for Pepys' amazing diary. According to this source the reasons are, first, that Pepys was devoid of imagination (that is, creative imagination) and second, that he lacked the modern sophistication which would render him dishonest with himself. Mr. Ponsonby sets forth and convincingly that no diarist or meroir writer of today could conceivably be half so honest with himself as Pepys was. Psychoanalysis in his opinion opens the window to a sort of pseudo-scientific dishonesty, with the result that the unsophisticated spontaniety of a Pepys becomes for any educated person practically impossible.

As Mr. Ponsonby observes: "Your Windhame, Haydons, Bashkirtseffs, Amiels, Barbellions, even Tolstoys, may tell us of drink debt, profligacy, and inordinate vanity, and hint at larger misdemeanors, but not one of them will put down in black and white the petty, silly, mean, cowardly, disgraceful little thoughts and actions which sully the current pages of every human life."

But in Pepys we find no hesitancy to set forth the mean and despicable acts and thoughts—it is actually this disclosure of the petty and cowardly things which renders Pepys' diary a masterly piece of human nature disclosed.

"The right hand of the navy indulged in sniggering improprieties with the maids, the learned friend of Evelyn secretly bought fawdy books, the solemn administrator boxed his servant boy's ears and kissed the book seller's wife, the puritanical moralist enjoyed obscene tales, the punctilious civil servant got drunk, the man who braved the plague screamed when he was set upon by a dog, the sentimentally devoted husband gave his wife a black eye, the man who was shocked to see the court playing cards on Sunday morning gloated over the scandals of the king's mistress, the connoisseur of art treasures cut pages of manuscripts with his scissors, the admirer of Chaucer kept Rochester's poems in a secret drawer, the captious critic of sermons squeezed the hand of a "Pretty Maid" in the pew next him, the great librarian arranged his books according to size."

Of all the many disdeeds of Pepys it appears Mr. Posonby finds the latter the least excusable. He is not to be condemned. To ill-handle books is to the man of letters a capital offense. **To cut a precious manuscript with scissors!**—For that alone Pepys deserved being decapitated. It is to be remarked that he never was. He retired from this "vale of tears" at the ripe old age of seventy—exceedingly ripe for those days—in the odor of respect if not of sanctity. Fortunately, he escaped punishment, like the vast number of human beings, for his worst offenses. Though he was incarcerated in London Tower on a rumor of selling naval information to the French, but as there was no evidence he was released.

It is curious that though Pepys wrote with the greatest frankness and sans gene, though he composed his diary in a private shorthand system and presumably for himself, yet an attempt was never made on his part to destroy the diary before his death. He had it carefully bound and it passed with his library to Magdalene College, Cambridge. There it stayed upon the shelves, a closed book. The attention of George Grenville, Master of Magdalene, was first attracted to it by the publicatio nin 1818 of Evelyn't diary. It was then deciphered by a John Smith, who strained, as he tells us, his "visual organs" in his three year task. Pepys' diary then underwent a series of editions, until at the present moment, some 150 years after his death, Pepys is enjoying a fame he could not have dreamed of in his lifetime.

The point here arrived is that there was method in Pepys' carelessness—that he kept the diary and passed it on to his heirs not without some notion that one day in the dim future it would fall into curious hands. However, unsophisticated in the modern sense, Pepys was no fool. If he was lacking in imagination of the creative sort, the old friend of Evelyn, awaiting death among his books, might very easily have been possessed of enough ironic sshrewdness to envisage the excitement and curiosity that fifty or a hundred years hence might bring about his name when his diary was discovered and deciphered.

Mr. Posonby does not commit himself yet one cannot help but feel that Pepys was not disdainful of fame. And that he (perhaps) was extremely long-headed in securing that fame may be adduced from the bequest of his library to Magdalene College. Pepys bequeathed his library to Magdalene upon the condition that if three volumes or items of the collection should be missing from the library, it was to pass to Trinity College (I believe that is the alternate college) as a punishment for the carelessness of the present legatees. Every year three fellows of Trinity hopefully appear, and with the fellows of Magdalene, check the items in the collection. Thus far the Pepysian library has remained secure in its iron-doored room at Magdalene. But does it not seem that the man who could make such provisions could conceive the possibility of his secret diary being published to a curious and amused posterity? And further does it not follow that the manuscript volumes of the diary would not thus be destroyed? Obviously this is not a point to be labored. And certainly Mr. Posonby does not indulge in any such suppositions.

In showing us the Pepys as known to his contemporaries, as known after his death to the eighteenth century, and as known today, he sketches a portrait more lucid than many have yet accomplished. In a very small space (152 pages) he has achieved a considerable end. The spontaniety of the diary, the obvious absence of calculation have made it and its author almost the central features in our knowledge of life in the Restoration period. A knowledge which is supplemented in the present volume.

Hilaire Belloc still seems to be as prolix as ever. In a few short weeks he has produced "How the Reformation Happened," "James II," "A Conversation with an Angel," and "Survivals: Studies of the Modern Mind."

The man who publishes a book without an index ought to be damned ten miles beyond hell, where the devil himself could not get for stinging nettles.—John Baynes.

A true friend is one who knows all your faults and likes you just the same.—Anon.

The Theatre

"HER CARDBOARD LOVER"

By Edward Smiddy

The French comedy, "Her Cardboard Lover," so closely identified with Jeanne Engels until recently, holds the stage at the Geary theatre. This French farce lives up to everything expected of French plays and all that is connoted by the word "French."

Hazel Whitmore plays the leading role of Simone to fairly good advantage, beign able to cope with the unusual situations required of her. Her telephone conversation in the second act, although not edifying, was the high point of her performance and enthusiastically done.

Carl Miller, as Tony, her unfaithful husband, carries the part of the gentlemanly villain very well. Anderson Lawler, filling the part of Andre, undertakes a characterization that tends to prejudice the audience. The nature of the individual puts the actor in an unfavorable light. Nevertleless, he deserves credit for his courage.

The plot tells of a young divorcee, Simone, who still loves her husband, although she knows he will always be unfaithful. Tony, knowing this, returns to his wife whenever his escapades prove uninteresting. Simone, finding that she cannot trust herself, hires a lover under the guise of confidential secretary in an effort to defeat herself.

The lover, Andre, working for Simone to cancel a gambling debt, likes his job so well that he finds himself in love with Simone and refuses to leave after he is discharged. Under rather unusual circumstances, Andre convinces Tony that Simone no longer loves him. The situation seems to be a case of "out of the frying pan into the fire" for Simone now finds herself really in love with Andre. Thus the "cardboard" designation is done away with, and Andre takes the place of a real lover.

Perhaps the only resemblance between the play and the recent motion picture of the same name is in the title and the idea. The remainder of the play is totally different from the picture. The play is a good indication of the lean period we are experiencing in the drama. The engagement is limited to but two more weeks.

BOOKS

"The Unintentional Charm of Men," by Frances Lester Warner. Houghton Mifflin Co., New York. 1928.

To the essayist we forgive much. We palliate his grossness, extenuate his idiosyncrasies, skip over his boring paragraphs just to experience the ineffable pleasure, like a piercing glow, which for moments he communicates. Much is forgiven him, because from him much is expected.

So with these fifteen essays, written like the skillful conversationalist who veers to subjects the most prosaic and adorns them with his wisdom. The capital "charm" comes in the second essay; a busy President after truculently telling his secretary that she mislaid a valuable document, persistently denies he could ever be so careless. Then the missing deed is found, within a book where the President had been reading. "Not another word was said, but the expression of the President as he looked up through his bushy eyebrows was like the expression of a big dog who has just noticed that he has a chicken feather sticking to his paw." H. F. D.

British Prose of Today. Selected by the English Association. New York: Longmans, Green and Co. 1928.

If you would read lithe, graceful prose, in great variety, by all means get hold of this volume. Most of the writers represented are living; a few of the moderns would not allow any of their work to be included. But nearly all of the best are there—dramatists, essayists, biographers, scientists, novelists, historians, critics, statesmen, and an explorer. You read in rapid succession a criticism of poetry, an explanation of relativity, a tender reminiscence, and an excerpt from a drama. A bit conglomerate, if you will. But the selections represent the very best of each author's work; and after you have closed the book scenes and faces come back, briefly sketched but haunting—like beautiful Pia.

The reader will not close this anthology without the sincere conviction that English literature is a live and vital force. For such beauty and variety could be attained only when authors write to and for an interested audience. The anthology shows the perfection to which British prose has attained; it has had a long journey from the inadequacies which marked it in Elizabethan times and the heaviness of Johnson's style. Today British prose at its best is sinuous, light and dancing, or ponderous and sonorous, capable of rapid, deft movement, sparkling. Sir Quiller-Couch can compare it only with classic Greek prose.

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OUTLOOKS & INSIGHTS

By Brother Leo

THE UPLANDS

The higher up the mountain we climb the more of the surrounding country we see, and the better we evaluate our own interests and importance. Breasting a hill benefits more than the waistline; it inculcates humility. Perhaps that is why vain and foolish persons prefer strolling on the level, and why aged persons who can't do much climbing develop a false sense of values.

There is a place in the Colorado Rockies called the Continental Divide. You leave Denver some broiling August morning, and early in the afternoon the train brings you into the region of perpetual snow. You shiver—with ecstasy and with cold. You are literally on the top of the world. Far below you, buried in atmospheric canyons, are the peaks of mighty mountains. Your eye cannot see, but your fancy can discern, how small even the big cities are, how trivial are human concerns, how puny individual men. That trip up the Rockies may be bad for asthma and rheumatism, but is a sure specific against the disease of self-importance.

Go up, and your estimate of yourself goes down! That applies to mountain climbing of every kind, including the kind involved in the reading of great books. Any time you think you know how to write, read a real writer. Any time you think you can act, go and see a real actor. Any time you think you cap naint pictures, go to the Louvre and the Pitti Palace. Any time you think you are a pretty decent sort of fellow as things are, read the Lives of the Saints.

But—thank God, there's always a but—doesn't that sort of thing produce an inferiority complex? No. It induces humility—a vastly different matter. The inferiority complex is founded on ignorance; humility is founded on knowledge. The inferiority complex is impotent; it urges us to say, "What's the use?" Humility is potent; it urges us to say, "Do it now!" Praise a man with an inferiority complex, and he wonders what you want; praise a humble man, and he sweetly laughs at you. Oh, yes, there's a difference.

THE HUMAN TOUCH

Emerson said ever so many fine things and true in his immortal address on The American Scholar, but nothing more memorable than this:

> "Meek young men grow up in libraries believing it their duty to accept the views which Cicero, which Locke, which Bacon have given, forgetful that Cicero, Locke and Bacon were only young men in libraries when they wrote these boks."

Perhaps today young men are neither so meek nor so much in libraries as they were a hundred years ago, but they are just as prone as ever to invest the man who writes with an aura of reverence. They need to know that books, even the best books, are an inadequate substitute for life, and he that would read wisely must probe behind the book to the man who wrote it. The real test of a piece of writing is, not how clever is this, or how pretty is this, or how profound is this, but from waht depth of living does it spring?

Canonized writers, like canonized saints, were human beings even as you and I. They mewled and puked as babies, they grew out of their clothes as boys, they had troubles of their own about the time they began to shave, and as grown men they were periodically elated and depressed, shattered with perplexities and exalted with certainties, bored to death by untimely visitors and now and then hard up for ready money. Pascal was right in maintaining that writers worth their salt didn't take their writings too seriously:

> "If they wrote on politics, it was as if laying down rules for a lunatic asylum; and if they presented the appearance of speaking of a great matter, it was because they knew that the madmen to whom they spoke thought they were kings and emperors."

THOSE IRISH MONKS

The original Galloping Gaels were the Irish missionaries of religion and culture who spread faith and learning throughout Western Europe when Ireland, and Ireland alone, was the Island of Saints and Scholars, and when England, France, Germany were dark with barbarism and ignorance. Writes Shane Leslie in his meaty little book, "The Celt and the World":

> "For an effort so spontaneous and unorganized the Irish achievement was incredible. They laid the rubble and basement of mediaeval Christianity. From Patricksford in Iceland, where Norwegians afterward found their bells, to the plains of Lombardy, where the body of Columbanus still lies enshrined in the church he founded, the Irish upheld Christianity over the changing scene. Roving bishops and unanchored anchorites appeared in every direction, whether the Holy See invited them or not. The 'pale-faced clerics of the Gael' withstood the barbarians better than any Roman legionaries. They cleared private oases in the general confusion. The full history of their achievement has been lost, but every detail and scrap of information from those days point to their unrecorded service. The ecclesiastical system of Rome was paralysed and hindered by the breakdown of the empire. The Irish performed the work of which none other at the time were capable. As Green says, 'For a time it seemed as if the course of the world's history was to be changed, as if that older Celtic race which the Roman and the German had swept before them had turned to the moral conquest of their conquerors'."

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EDITORIALS

THE COMMENT COLUMN

On another part of this page is a column bearing the title, "Campus Comment." It is a column reserved for student opinion, and contributions are welcome. Obviously such a column must be, in the main, critical, and intelligent criticism is desired. Unfortunately, several letters have been received which could not be published because of their nature. Here let it be said that we are not definitely opposed to radicalism if the radicals are gentlemen. On the contrary, we promise to give preference to the most violent expressions of opinion—if the opinion is good.

This semester we would like more to take advantage of the comment column; its size will be increased to accommodate everyone if enough copy is received. If you have any opinions, here is your chance to express them so that all may know.

SCIENTIFIC ATHEISM

The associate editor of The Stanford Daily has recently been parading some rather illogical foolishness under the name of atheism in an appropriately named feature column, "The Bull-session." If we did not suspect him of being serious, we would ordinarily take little notice of his vaporings, but in a recent outburst he made some rather remarkable assertions after quoting the following from Professor Harry Elmer Barnes:

> "Sin is scientifically indefinable and unknowable. . . . We must cease talking of God. We must supplant theology by mental science. Science has shown it difficult to prove the very existence of God."

Our fervent young iconoclast hereupon solemnly states that the same thing has been said for centuries, that " . . . theologians have reacted in the same manner." Continuing, he says that the churches should stop worrying about the hereafter—they should preach mental hygiene (whatever that may be), improve social conditions, and in general adapt themselves to the "new science."

If, as our friend states, this thing has been "stated for centuries," it doesn't seem to have had much effect. Evidently the poor, misguided theologians have not been entirely wrong, else the cold logic of science would have driven them into obscurity long since. Again, if churches cease preaching of the hereafter, how in the world can they so much as exist to preach the new doctrine of "mental hygiene"? Here a typical feature of atheism is apparent—destroy one god and set up another; i. e., mental hygiene.

The whole question is obviously ridiculous, only we can't decide who is more so: the learned Professor Barnes or his commentator. That science cannot find sin is sufficiently clear. Nor can it find truth and beauty and honor and love and loyalty. Yet no one will deny the latter exist, but since the former is distasteful to some, they must needs drag science into a field to which it does not belong in order to cover their own sloppy thinking.

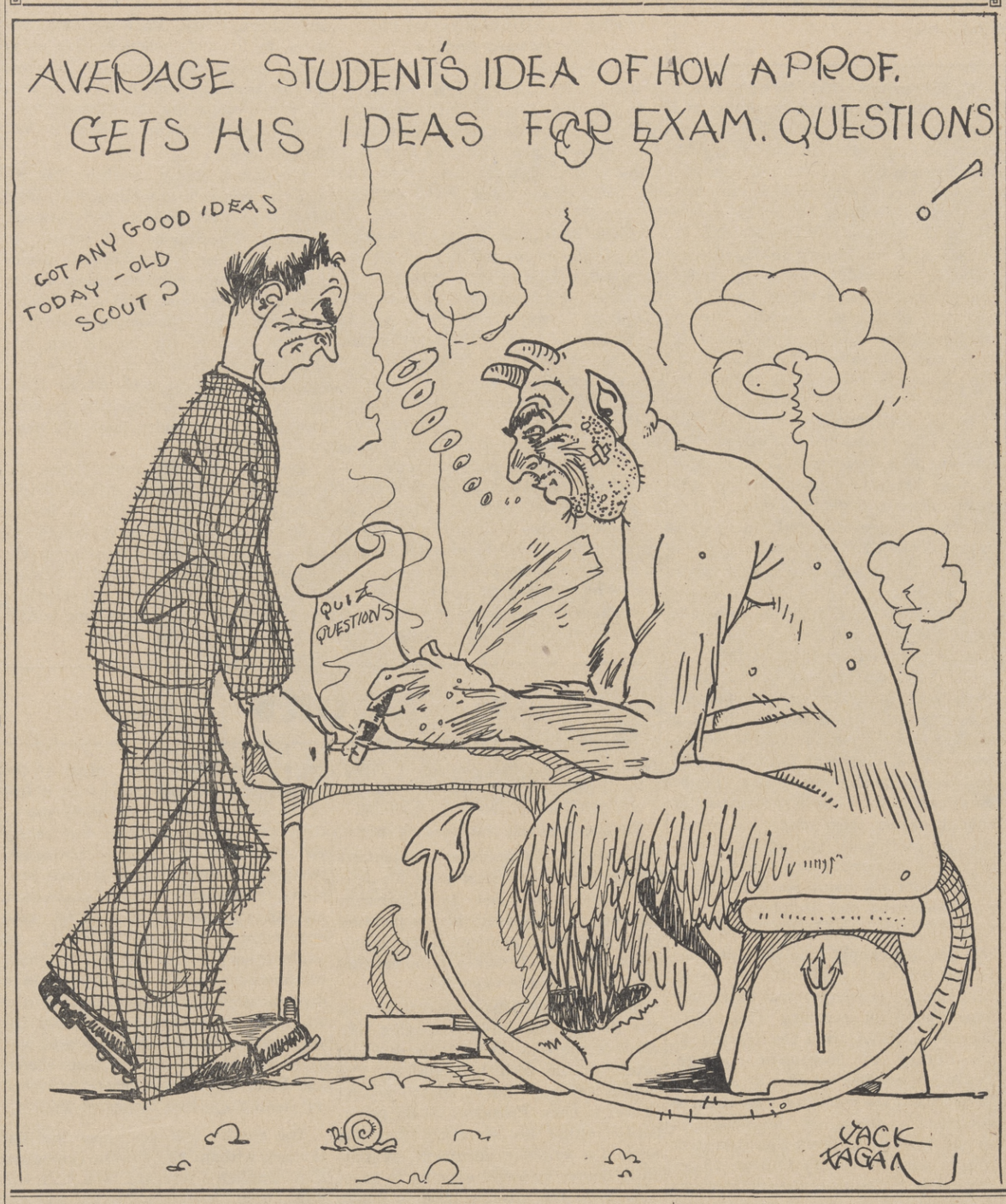
EINSTEIN CHALLENGED

L. A. Redman, San Francisco attorney and science student, again opens his private war against the Einstein theory and its followers. In a book, "The Einstein Delusion," written by Redman two years ago, the theory was characterized as being a humbug and a fake. According to the author, cogent proof was advanced showing that Einstein has been faking for years, that he merely expressed Newtonian gravitation in such terms that only a few could understand it. Working on the theory that what is difficult to understand by the many is good and true, then Einstein is right; on the other hand, if an attorney, who has studied science for fifty years and can find a loophole in the theory, then we might stop to ponder.

However, we feel like the astronomers and scientists who asked Mr. Redman if he was "as active in trying to uncover wrong and crookedness in the legal profession as you are in the scientific field." Perhaps Redman is attempting to show that lawyers are not always lawyers; that the legal profession is a stimulating study, and that the great wheel of justice should be on the lookout for crookedness in the field of science as well as in society.

Whatever his motives might be, we do not believe that his action is warranted. If he is a true speaker after knowledge, more power to him; if the argumentive urge is moving him on, then we should not take him seriously. Again, if he is overcome with altruism, and in his desire to see the public saved from the wrath of Einstein has set himself up as a dictator, we don't believe his services are necessary, because very few of us are going to worry ourselves to death in deciding whether or not Einstein is right.

MAYBE IT'S NECESSARY!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Campus Comment

MORE LIGHT ON THIS GAEL QUESTION

The Collegian:

Dear Editor: After reading Mr. Bill's fiery letter about Gaels I thought I would look up its history. There is much doubt as to the origin, but the most popular belief according to the Irish historian McNeill, the following tradition seems most logical.

There was a race in Armenia known as the Hiberi, led by King Mil. In a feudal battle he went into exile, taking with him 12 married couples in four barks, from which the Gaels descended.

The Scythians, as they were then called, sojourned to Spain, in the country west of Iberi. Thus, stories are told of their wanderings from Spain. One says that they journeyed overland through the continent of Europe and during their travels met with the Picts. The other tale says that they went around the world.

According to Orosius, Brigon, chief of the Gaels in Spain, erected a high tower from which Brigon's grandson saw and described Ireland. The Gaels afterward went by sea to Ireland, settling at the Inbhear Sceine.

Yet another tale would have us believe that the Gaels descended from the divine race of Tuatha De Danann. We know this impossible, because Tuatha De Danann came from a northern part of Europe.

Whateevr their origin is, we may be certain that they were not Irish but of mixed blood. The Scottish Highlanders, by some, are said to be the real Gaels.

Therefore, the name Gaels did not apply to one nationality of people and with the blood of the fighting Irish in their veins the name would be characteristic of Saint Mary's men.

Sincerely yours,
HERBERT McIKLESTINE.

A freshman engineering student at the University of South Dakota flies from his home at Freeman, 60 miles away, every morning to his classes at the university. It seems evident that this student aspires to great heights.

St. Louis University now boasts of a new and larger broadcasting station, WEW. Over this greater WEW will be broadcast a series of university lectures, a number of dramas and a great deal of music.

The Chaplain's Corner

By Father Bowling, C. S. P.

I HATE APPLE SAUCE!

growled the testy old gentleman as he read a glowing account of his rival's success in the morning paper. "Look at all that bunk, Mill! And I suppose the poor fool will swallow it all. Flattery, apple sauce, banana oil—or whatever else you call it—is one thing I cannot stand!"

"That's right, John," said his friend with a twinkle in his eye. "And I've wanted to tell you for a long time that I've always admired you for just that one thing. You are one man I know who can't be flattered."

"Thanks, Bill," murmured his employer, quite pleased. "I think you really mean that!" And the dear old gentleman who just hated apple sauce was flattered without his knowledge.

If we only knew it, we are all very much like that old gentleman. We all say we don't like compliments, and that we just hate apple sauce and taffy and blarney and in a way we are right. None of us likes too much apple sauce or our taffy too sweet or our blarney laid on too thickly. But we all like them just the same. In other words, we all appreciate a little encouragement now and then, and the men and women who boast that they don't are merely deceiving themselves. No sensible person likes flattery which is false, but everyone of us is encouraged by a sincere appreciation of his or her efforts on the part of his fellow man.

THE SWEETEST REVENGE

He was angry. His friend had cut him deeply. There seemed to be no reason for it—absolutely none. And it wasn't the first time. He felt like cutting his friend deeply in turn. And so he took the meanest way he could of getting even. The next time he got the opportunity he showed his friend a great kindness. And he really meant it sincerely. His friend felt it, knew it to be sincered. Then the two friends just looked at each other and grinned. For they knew that kindness is the sweetest revenge in all the world.

VISITING

Did you ever have a friend in a hospital? Did you ever go and visit him or her? And did you notice the long line of sick rooms, each with its patient? Well, on Sunday afternoons or in the evenings on week days I am sure you have noticed this also: Some of the patients have their rooms banked with flowers, and seem always to have a friend or two around their bedside during visiting hours.

But I am sure you have noticed other patients who seemed always to be alone. Whenever you passed their door, there they were all alone, looking patiently out, hoping someone—no matter who—would stop in and say hello. And if you ever did stop at their door and say hello and a kind word or two, how their faces would brighten up! They were so lonely lying there for hours and hours, and it meant so much to have even a stranger chat a few moments with them.

In every Catholic Church or Chapel throughout the land there is a Patient who has been waiting there for years—waiting all alone for someone to visit Him. Every now and then some kind friend will take pity on Him and stop for a little visit. But for the most part He is left alone—alone through all the weary days and nights—alone and lonely, just because YOU have not come to visit Him. Others have come. Others come in on their way to and from class. Others have come to receive His blessing each night, and to whisper an act of sorrow for the faults of the day—but you—how long will you keep Him waiting? This very day many a sincere soul, groping darkness, would give anything for your faith in the Real Presence of Christ upon our Altars.

TRY THIS TEST!

The Religion of Christ is love. Love is kind. Love is forgiving. Love keeps no bitterness in the heart. Love thinks no evil of anyone, but good of all. Love, even when it finds evil, pardons it, excuses it, helps to remedy it, trembles lest someday itself may fall. Love seeks each day to make others happy and to bring souls to Christ.

Judged by this standard how stands my soul before my God? Is my religion vain? Am I deceiving my own soul?

WILL RIDINGS'

WHOOPEE COLUMN

WHY READ IT?

AUTOMOBILES, ETC.

I dropped in on the Automobile Show the other night . . . An automobile show is a place where you pay six bits to see the latest in fur coats . . . Creatore and his band were also there . . . After the soprano soloist finished, one of the Market street critics who had been moaning that it was foolish to have so many musicians trying to drown her out, finally admitted "Anyhow she's got lots of volume." . . . The new trucks are getting faster than ever. I guess some of the pedestrians were getting away from them. . . We have learned from the athletic office (who ever saw an athletic office?) that the color green is highly visible; which leads to this. Why doesn't the fountain (located in the Center Hall) serve green ice cream in their sodas? Maybe someone could find it then.

—WC—

OUR HALL OF FAME

Cecil Van Stronghart of Valencia. Cecil wins our distinguished service button because he is the only host we have encountered this season who has entertained for an evening without recourse to the radio. Perhaps this happened because his radio was indisposed. Anyhow he wins the award. Cecil said to our reporter: "It's hard for us old timers to believe in evolution when we are asked to believe that the new generation is an improvement."

HEARD AT NORTH BEACH

"Shay, I'll have you know I'm part of the (hic) Standard Oil Company."

"And what part are you?"

"Hic—I'm one of the tanks."

—WC—

PLEASE NOTICE

On March twenty-ninth in this paper will appear a scandal sheet. All the vices of the year will be exposed. This special edition of the COLLEGIAN will be edited by that inimitable king of funsters, that paragon of funsters, Will Ridings. Anyone desiring to write for this big edition may apply to same for assignments. Here's your chance to write for a real paper. DEVELOP your talent.

—WC—

"The Stockyard Blues" is not much of a song for words—but oh what an air.

—WC—

With the Limelighters

"I doubt whether education makes one better or happier.—Lord Hugh Cecil.

"It does not matter so much where we are going as long as we are making consciously for some definite goal. —Hendrick Wilhelm Van Loon.

"The freshman class is the greatest in the history of Saint Mary's.—Frosh at Thursday's meeting.

—WC—

We read in one of our leading magazines: "Knee-length skirts have reduced street car accidents fifty per cent. We believe they can be eliminated entirely."

—WC—

"You're too conceited about your beauty."

"Why I am not. I don't think I'm half as good looking as I am.

—WC—

OUT WEST

Hank—Which side of the cow do you milk on?

Si—On the udder side.

—WC—

"Is she a nice girl?"

"I'll say so. The other night she dreamt of an auto ride and she walked in her sleep."